What Is Claimed Is:

1. A device for detecting an obstacle underride, the device being situated on the vehicle front in such a way that the device detects an obstacle underride via a vertical distance measuring device (13 through 16).

2. The device as recited in Claim 1,
wherein the vertical distance measuring device (13 through 16) has at least one transceiver.

3. The device as recited in Claim 2,
wherein the at least one transceiver is designed as an ultrasonic sensor or a radar sensor.

4. The device as recited in Claim 1,
wherein the vertical distance measuring device (13 through 16) has at least one video sensor.

5. The device as recited in one of the preceding claims,
wherein the distance measuring device is situated on the bumper (12, 21).

6. The device as recited in Claim 5,
wherein the distance measurement (13 through 16) is carried at four locations on the bumper (12) distanced from one another.

7. The device as recited in one of the preceding claims,
wherein the device is connectable to a control unit for restraining means in such a way that the control unit triggers the restraining means as a function of a signal of the device.

8. The device as recited in one of the preceding claims,
wherein the device is configured for the purpose of sensing pedestrians.

9. The device as recited in one of the preceding claims,
wherein the distance measuring device (13 through 16) is situated on the rear bumper.